



## **FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM**

### **BIG IDEA**

Freedom isn't about being sinless, it's about sonship!

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS** *(Pick One)*

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you had to leave something behind because it was too heavy or too big to take with you?
2. Thinking back to your childhood, was there ever a time that you felt you were unfairly disciplined? How do you feel about it now?

### **REFLECTING ON THE SERMON**

1. What was the most inspirational moment of the sermon for you?
2. Were you challenged by anything you heard?
3. What is one thing you are taking away from Sunday's message?

### **GOING DEEPER IN THE SCRIPTURE**

*Read Hebrews 11 and Hebrews 12:1-3*

In Hebrews 12:1, the author of Hebrews speaks of the great cloud of witnesses that surround us, referring to the great examples of faith who he lists in Hebrews 11. Looking at those examples, how can we "run with endurance the race set before us?" Hebrews 12:2-3 reminds us of what Jesus did for us in enduring the cross and tells us to bear that in mind when we are faced with opposition and with burdens. He tells us that, when we do this, we will not grow weary and lose heart. Why? (See Matthew 25:28-29; John 16:33).

*Read John 8:31-47*

Jesus said that if we commit sin, we are slaves to sin. The slave does not live in the house of his master forever, but a son does. What do we need to do in order to demonstrate that we are sons and daughters of the Father, rather than slaves. Jesus also said that "if the Son makes you free, you are free indeed." How can we enjoy freedom in Christ while avoiding sin (compare Galatians 5:13 and 1 Peter 2:16)?

### **MAKE IT PERSONAL**

Hebrews 12:1 tells us to lay aside the things that weigh us down and the sin that trips us up. What are some of the things in your life that are holding you back, things that you need to let go of? Which of those things will be easy to lay aside? Which will be difficult?

### **LIVE IT OUT! ACT IT OUT!**

Hebrews 12:12 is about taking the actions necessary to lean on God in order to have victory in your life. Take time to list (maybe in a journal) the areas of your life where God's strength is what you need to prevail. Ask someone you trust to join with you in seeking God's help in those areas.

### **PRAYER**

Take time to share prayer requests with one another pray for your needs.